

CHAPTER 3: PLAN GOALS

Overview

Goals are the framework for guiding county growth and development. The guidelines of each chapter are based upon the principles of these goals. Achieving these goals will ensure Chesterfield County continues to be a healthy, thriving community providing residents with a high quality of life; employers with a supportive business climate; and visitors with positive historical, cultural, recreational and shopping experiences.

Goals are achieved through the measures outlined in the Implementation chapter.

Where the goals refer to public facilities and infrastructure, they include schools, parks, libraries, fire and emergency medical services stations, transportation and other public infrastructure and services.

Plan Goals

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Orderly and fiscally responsible growth occurs by providing adequate public facilities and infrastructure.
- Public facilities and infrastructure are provided to ensure efficient, effective and fiscally responsible use of county resources.
- The public sector's role for ensuring long-term stability and supporting a high quality of life is to provide equitable distribution and efficient allocation of public resources. Provision of equitable public services will promote investment and reinvestment in aging and maturing areas.

COMMUNITY

- The mix of public facilities, housing, commercial, industrial, agricultural, recreational and open space uses is balanced to ensure a high quality of life and fiscal health.
- A variety of living, shopping, entertainment, recreation and employment opportunities are available.
- Strong and sustainable neighborhoods and business areas are well planned, of high quality, visually attractive and well maintained.
- Redevelopment and infill opportunities are promoted to take advantage of existing or planned public facilities and infrastructure.

ECONOMY

- A high quality of life is supported by an expanding and diverse economy that generates well paying jobs and contributes significantly to the tax base.
- Economic Development Opportunity Sites are served by adequate public facilities and infrastructure so as to offer “ready sites” that are competitively attractive for investment.
- Economic sites are reserved for development consistent with the Plan, and development in proximity to the sites is compatible.
- Special Focus and Gateway Areas and infill economic sites are reserved for development consistent with the Plan, and development in proximity to the sites is compatible.

ENVIRONMENT

- Valued environmental resources are protected, and where appropriate enhanced, through fair regulatory practices and regulations while accommodating growth and development consistent with the Plan.
- Vital environmental resources and features are integrated into development designs for enjoyment by the community, where appropriate.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL

- Unique historical and cultural resources are valued and preserved, and where appropriate, incorporated into the community fabric.
- Tourism and educational opportunities are provided to promote unique historical and cultural resources.